

limitation has been re-added in new claim 20 which is dependent on amended claim 1. A marked-up version of the amended and new claims is enclosed. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments. Consideration of these amended claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of November 29, 2005, the examiner requires an election of claims under 35 U.S.C. section 121. The examiner divided the claims among two groups: Group I consisting of claims 1-11 and Group II consisting of claims 12-16. Applicant hereby elects Group I and has subsequently canceled claims 12-16 of Group II.

The Applicant respectfully requests the new claims and the application as a whole be reconsidered and suggests that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number No. 50-3021 belonging to Brown Winick Law Firm.

Respectfully submitted,

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